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**REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION**

*VIA ECFS*

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Confidential Financial Information Subject to Protective Order Before the Federal Communications Commission., and requesting Confidential treatment for financial information pursuant to §§ 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules. Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection, 2016.  
WC 14-58.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Tularosa Basin Telephone Company, Inc. ("Tularosa Basin"), GVNW Consulting, Inc. hereby submits the attached redacted and confidential versions of its "FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection" information pursuant to §§ 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules, as filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company. A copy is also being submitted to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

Tularosa Basin requests confidential treatment under the Protective Order adopted in this proceeding for the § 54.313(f)(2) financial information included in this report on the grounds that it is competitively sensitive information that is secure from public access and this information should not be released publicly for inspection as it could be used to disadvantage or harm Tularosa Basin. In addition, Tularosa Basin is requesting confidential treatment pursuant to §§ 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules for the Five-Year Build-Out Plan Progress Report and Map that is required by § 54.313(a)(1) to be attached to this report.

In accordance with the Protective Order, one redacted copy marked "REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION" and one non-redacted confidential version marked "CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION – SUBJECT TO A PROTECTIVE ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION" are being filed with the Commission. The redacted copy will be filed *via* the Electronic Comment Filing System.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [sgatto@gvnw.com](mailto:sgatto@gvnw.com) or 830-895-7226.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Gatto", is written over a horizontal line.

Stephen Gatto

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Form Type	54.313 and 54.422	

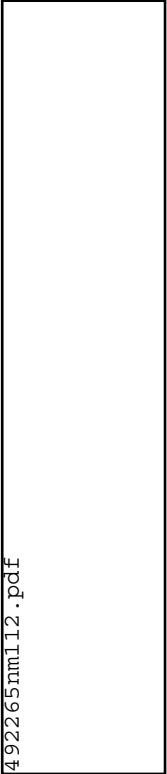
<b>(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form</b>		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	<input type="radio"/> (yes / no ) <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>		<input type="radio"/> (yes / no ) <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.



Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	Yes
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	Yes
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality	Yes
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage	Yes
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity	Yes
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	Yes



<b>(300) Unfulfilled Service Request Data Collection Form</b>		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jbeug@tbt.c.net
<300>	Unfulfilled service request (voice)	<div>0</div>
<310>	Detail on attempts (voice)	<div>Name of Attached Document</div>
<320>	Unfulfilled service request (broadband)	<div>0</div>
<330>	Detail on attempts (broadband)	<div>Name of Attached Document</div>

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0 . 0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0 . 0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jbeug@btcc.net
<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	492265nm510.pdf

<b>(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations</b>		FCC Form 481
<b>Data Collection Form</b>		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	492265nm610.pdf



**(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data  
Data Collection Form**

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2016
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings  
Data Collection Form

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**(800) Operating Companies**

**Data Collection Form**

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jbeug@tbtc.net
<810>	Reporting Carrier	Tularosa Basin Telephone Company
<811>	Holding Company	Tularosa Basin Telephone Company, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	Tularosa Basin Telephone Company

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
Data Collection Form

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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) No

Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability  
Data Collection Form

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<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes	
<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance	492265nm1010.pdf	<div>Name of Attached Document</div> <div>Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau</div>
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification		
<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance	492265nm1030.pdf	<div>Name of Attached Document</div>

<b>(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting</b>		FCC Form 481	
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<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	<div>Yes</div>
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<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	<div></div>
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<b>(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers</b>	
<b>Lifeline</b>	FCC Form 481
<b>Data Collection Form</b>	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013

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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	<div>492265mm1210.pdf</div>	Name of Attached Document
<1220>	Link to Public Website	HTTP	

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation</b>		FCC Form 481	
<b>Data Collection Form</b>		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819	
<i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>		July 2013	
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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

**Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting**

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support
- <2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support

<2022> Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.

<2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

Name of Attached Document Listing  
Required Information

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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)		FCC Form 481
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<b>Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}</b>		
<2016>	Certification support used to build broadband	
<b>Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}</b>		
<2017A>	Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?	
<2017B>	Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.	
<2018>	Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(iii)	
<2019>	Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)	
<2020>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)	
<2021>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)	
<2026>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)	
<2027>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)	

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)		
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	Yes - Attach Certification	
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	492265nm3010b.pdf
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii)}	No - No New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:			
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	492265nm3017.pdf
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.		<input type="checkbox"/>
If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)		FCC Form 481
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Financial Data Summary

- (3027) Revenue
- (3028) Operating Expenses
- (3029) Net Income
- (3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)
- (3031) Total Assets
- (3032) Total Debt
- (3033) Total Equity
- (3034) Dividends


<b>(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	<b>FCC Form 481</b> <b>OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819</b> <b>July 2013</b>
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#### 4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

#### Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission’s public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

**4001.** Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

#### Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

**4003a.** RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

**If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.**

**4003b.** Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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#### Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

**4004a.** Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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**4004b.** Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

<b>Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients</b>	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

<b>Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<010> Study Area Code	492265
<015> Study Area Name	TULAROSA BASIN TEL.
<020> Program Year	2017
<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Josh Beug
<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	5755859800 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jbeug@tbtco.net

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

<b>Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</b>	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>GVNW Consulting, Inc.</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: <u>GVNW Consulting, Inc.</u>	
Name of Reporting Carrier: <u>TULAROSA BASIN TEL.</u>	
Signature of Authorized Officer: <u>CERTIFIED ONLINE</u>	Date: <u>06/27/2016</u>
Printed name of Authorized Officer: <u>Joshua Beug</u>	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: <u>General Manager</u>	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: <u>5755852700 ext.</u>	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: <u>492265</u>	Filing Due Date for this form: <u>07/01/2016</u>
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

<b>Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</b>	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: <u>TULAROSA BASIN TEL.</u>	
Name of Authorized Agent Firm: <u>GVNW Consulting, Inc.</u>	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: <u>CERTIFIED ONLINE</u>	Date: <u>06/27/2016</u>
Name of Authorized Agent Employee: <u>Stephen Gatto</u>	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: <u>Consultant</u>	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: <u>8308957226 ext.</u>	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: <u>492265</u>	Filing Due Date for this form: <u>07/01/2016</u>
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

## Attachments

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ATTACHMENT – LINE 112

ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ITS ENTIRETY

Attachment File: 492265nm510.pdf

**TULAROSA BASIN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. – SAC 492265**

**FCC Form – Program Year 2017**

**Line 510**

**COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICE QUALITY STANDARDS AND CONSUMER  
PROTECTION RULES – § 54.313(a)(5)**

Tularosa Basin Telephone Company, Inc. (“Tularosa Basin” or “the Company”) complies with all applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules as required by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (“PRC”) and the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”).

The rates, terms and conditions under which the Company operates are identified in its Local Company Tariff, which is approved by the PRC. The Company’s tariff contains provisions regarding its customer service and protection practices, including resolving customer disputes, applying for, refusing, disconnection, and cancellation of service. Rates and terms of service are disclosed to customers upon application for service as part of a packet of information for new customers.

Service quality standards are established by the PRC and Tularosa Basin consistently meets or exceeds those requirements. The Company provides an annual report to the New Mexico PRC pursuant to the commission’s rules.

The protection of its customers’ privacy and information is a constant part of Tularosa Basin’s quality of service. The Company has a policy and operating procedures that comply with the FCC’s Customer Proprietary Network Information (“CPNI”) rules (47 C.F.R §§ 64.2001 – 64.2011). Certification of Tularosa Basin’s compliance with the FCC’s CPNI rules is filed with the FCC annually.

Attachment File: 492265nm610.pdf

**TULAROSA BASIN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. – SAC 492265**

**FCC Form 481 – Program Year 2017**

**Line 610**

**ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS – § 54.313(a)(6)**

Tularosa Basin Telephone Company, Inc. (“Tularosa Basin” or “the Company”) is capable of functioning in emergency situations. Tularosa Basin has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without a commercial external power source. The Company has permanently installed standby power generators at its exchange switching offices and remote switching locations have a minimum of eight (8) hours of backup battery capacity. These remote sites are also equipped to accept portable emergency power if necessary. The Company’s network is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency conditions.

Attachment File: 492265nm1010.pdf

**TULAROSA BASIN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. – SAC 492265**

**FCC Form – Program Year 2017**

**Line 1010**

**DESCRIPTION OF VOICE SERVICES RATE COMPARABILITY – § 54.313(a)(10)**

Tularosa Basin Telephone Company, Inc. (“Tularosa Basin” or “the Company”) Voice Services Pricing is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable urban rate floor for voice services. On April 16, 2015, the Wireline Competition Bureau (“Bureau”) established a new average urban floor rate of \$21.22 and a maximum of \$47.48 as the Rate Comparability Benchmark. The FCC’s previously announced phase-in of the floor rate of \$16.00 (effective December 1, 2014) as of January 2, 2015 through June 30, 2016 remains in effect. As shown by Tularosa’s response to Line 700 (Attachment File: 492265tx700.pdf), Tularosa’s total residential voice service rate plus mandatory state fees is 16.48. When all state and federal mandatory charges are added to Tularosa’s residential voice service rate the total rate is below the \$47.48 Rate Comparability Benchmark set by the Bureau.

Attachment File: 492265nm1030.pdf

**TULAROSA BASIN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. – SAC 492265****FCC Form - Program Year 2017****Line 1030****DESCRIPTION OF BROADBAND SERVICES**  
**RATE COMPARABILITY – § 54.313(a)(12)**

Tularosa Basin Telephone Company, Inc.'s ("Tularosa" or "the Company") Broadband Services Pricing meets the FCC's broadband public interest obligations because it is no more than the applicable benchmark for broadband services announced by the Bureau on April 16, 2015 (DA15-470).

In furtherance with its broadband public interest obligation pursuant to 54.308(a), Tularosa offers broadband service, upon reasonable request, at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas, at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas.

If a request for broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is unreasonable, and offering broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is reasonable, Tularosa offers broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream at pricing that meets the bureau's broadband reasonable comparability service rates.

As shown by Tularosa Valley's response to Line 710 on its Form 481 filing, Tularosa offers broadband service of 15 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream with no usage allowances for \$69.95. Since the Bureau's Excel Spreadsheet tool for 2015, which can be used by carriers to determine the broadband benchmarks for specific service characteristics, indicates that broadband service of 15 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream with no usage allowances should be offered at no more than \$83.91, Tularosa's 15 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream broadband service offering at \$69.95 meets the Bureau's requirement for broadband reasonable comparability service rates.

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**A. DEFINITION**

The Federal Lifeline Assistance and the New Mexico Lifeline Benefits Program (together, Lifeline Program) provide for credits for eligible low-income customers against the recurring monthly rate of single-line local residential service. The service includes voice grade access to the public switched network, touch calling, a standard white page listing, access to emergency services (911, E-911), access to operator services, access to interexchange services, access to directory assistance, and access to toll restriction service. (C)

**B. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS/APPLICATION**

1. The Lifeline Program credits are only available to customers who qualify under one or more of the following program-based or income-based eligibility requirements:
  - a) Medicaid program,
  - b) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
  - c) Food Stamp program,
  - d) Supplemental Security Income program,
  - e) Federal Public Housing Assistance program,
  - f) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF),
  - g) National School Lunch program, or
  - h) Household income is at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines.
2. An applicant for Lifeline Program benefits must self-certify, under penalty of perjury, that his or her household is eligible for public assistance under one or more of the programs listed above, or that his or her household income is at or below 150% of the applicable federal poverty guidelines upon annual publication by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register.
3. The term "applicant" as used herein refers to an eligible customer of an eligible telecommunications carrier.



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**B. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS/APPLICATION (Cont'd)**

4. The following documents, or any combination of these documents, are acceptable to support certificates based upon income:

- a) prior year's state, federal or tribal tax returns;
- b) current year-to-date earnings statement from an employer or three consecutive months of paycheck stubs;
- c) Social Security Administration statement of benefits;
- d) Veteran's Administration statement of benefits;
- e) retirement/pension statement of benefits;
- f) Unemployment/Workers' Compensation statement of benefits;
- g) Federal or tribal notice of participation in Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; or
- (h) divorce decree or child support wage assignment statement.

5. The application form for participation in the Lifeline Program is available at the business offices of the Company, and at the offices of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, Consumer Relations Division. Each completed application must contain the following information, where applicable:

- a) applicant's name, telephone number and home address;
- b) the particular public assistance program(s), if applicable, and identification of the ETC that the applicant anticipates will provide service;
- c) an affirmative statement that the applicant qualifies for lifeline benefits;
- d) an affirmative statement under penalty of perjury affirming that the applicant is participating in one of the programs listed above, or a statement under penalty of perjury affirming that the applicant's household income is at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty guideline;
- e) if the application is based on income criteria, a statement under penalty of perjury that identifies the number of individuals residing in the household and affirms that the documentation presented to support income-based eligibility accurately represents the applicant's household income;
- f) The following affirmative statement under penalty of perjury that the applicant is not receiving lifeline benefits of any kind on any other telephone or wireless account:

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*I agree to notify Tularosa Basin Telephone Company, Inc. when I no longer participate in any of the above qualifying public assistance programs or when there has been a change in the size or income level of my household. I certify under penalty of perjury the above information and attached documentation are true and that I and no one else is receiving lifeline benefits at this address, on either a telephone or wireless telephone account.*

and

- g) the applicant's signature.

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**C. REGULATIONS**

1. The Lifeline Program credits will begin with the date the Company confirms that the applicant meets eligibility requirements, or when new service is established for a qualifying customer subject to B.1 through 4 above. The credits will be prorated on the basis of a 30-day month from the effective date of the customer's application.
2. Lifeline customers will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charge for changing their local exchange service to Lifeline, or changing from flat rate service to measured usage service, or vice versa, but only one such waiver will be allowed during any 12-month period.
3. The Lifeline Program credits are applicable only to the qualifying customer's principal residence line.
4. At the option of the Company, the Company will verify eligibility of Lifeline customers on an annual basis by confirmation from the state agency charged with the duty of administering one or more of the above programs, by a statistically valid sample of Lifeline customers, by requiring the customer to obtain a certificate verifying such eligibility, or by other means.
5. A customer is not eligible for the Lifeline Program if the customer is currently receiving Lifeline Program benefits for service provided by another wireline or wireless eligible telecommunications carrier.
6. Recipients of benefits under the Lifeline Program must notify the Company of a change in any condition that would cause the household to no longer qualify for the benefits. If the Company determines that conditions exist which cause a customer to no longer be eligible for the Lifeline Program, the customer will be notified, the credit amounts specified in this Section will be discontinued, and regular tariff rates and charges will apply.

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**C. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)**

7. The Company may not disconnect the basic service of a Lifeline Program customer for the non-payment of toll charges unless the Company has received a waiver from the Commission allowing disconnection of service for this reason.
8. The Company will restore service for any customer who has had telephone service discontinued for nonpayment of basic service charges, if that customer was not a participant in the Lifeline Program at the time of discontinuance, but qualifies at the time he or she seeks restoration of service. In such a case, the Company will require reasonable payment arrangements allowing up to six months for payment of past due basic service charges.
9. Upon subscribing to the Lifeline Program, a customer will be offered a subscription, at no charge, to toll blocking service, which denies the customer access to the long distance telecommunications network. However, the customer does not have to subscribe to toll blocking service unless it becomes a condition to maintain basic service due to non-payment of toll charges or an outstanding debt to the Company
10. The Company may not collect a service deposit in order to initiate Lifeline Program service, if the qualifying low-income customer voluntarily elects toll blocking from the Company.
11. The monthly credits for eligible subscribers are set forth in Section E. following. The credits will be applied to the tariffed rates and charges for single-line local residential flat or measured service.

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**E. MONTHLY CREDITS FOR CUSTOMERS QUALIFYING FOR LIFELINE BENEFITS PROGRAM (C)**

**Federal Credits**

Tier 1 – Offset to End User Common

Line Charge (SLC) ..... (1)

Tier 2 – Supplemental .....\$1.75

Tier 3 – Half of state credit.....\$1.75

State Credit .....\$3.50(2)(3)

(1) The federal end user common line charge is established by the FCC. The Company, as an eligible telecommunications carrier, grants a discount equal to the monthly federal end user common line charge to qualifying low-income residential customers.

(2) The total of the federal and the state credit shall not reduce the monthly combined line and usage rates below \$1.00.

(3) Credits for qualifying low-income customers receiving service prior to 11/15/2010 are grandfathered to the extent the credits exceed those set out in this Section E. (T)

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**GRANDFATHERED LOW-INCOME TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

A. MONTHLY DISCOUNTS..... 1 (N)

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**GRANDFATHERED LOW-INCOME TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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**A. MONTHLY DISCOUNTS**

Monthly Discount(1)

(M)(T)

Added Company Credit(2)..... \$ 3.96

(M)(T)

- (1) The Low-Income Telephone Assistance Program Discounts shall not reduce the monthly combined line and usage rates below \$ .60.
- (2) Discount allocation pending future New Mexico Public Regulation Commission action.
- (M) Material previously appeared in Section 5 on 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 3.

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**Tularosa Basin Telephone Company, Inc.  
Tularosa Communications, Inc.**

June 22, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
9300 East Hampton Drive  
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

re: WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual Report, Form 481 for High-Cost Recipient  
54.313(f)(1) "Milestone Certification"

Dear Ms. Dortch:

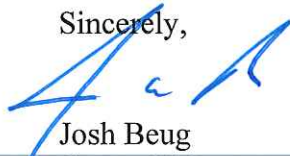
In compliance with the Commission's rules pursuant to § 54.313(f)(1) relating to the filing of Form 481, Tularosa Basin Telephone Company, Inc., SAC – 492265, wishes to certify to the Commission that the Company:

Has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas, at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas, and that reasonable requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

If a request for broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is unreasonable, and offering broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is reasonable, our company offers broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream at pricing that meets the Wireline Competition Bureau's broadband reasonable comparability service rates benchmark.

If you have any questions, I may be contacted at 575-585-9800.

Sincerely,



Josh Beug  
General Manager



According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0572-0031. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

<b>USDA-RUS</b>  <b>OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</b>	<i>This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.</i> <b>BORROWER NAME</b> <p style="text-align: center;">Tularosa Basin Telephone Company, Inc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Prepared with Audited Data)</p>	
<b>INSTRUCTIONS</b> -Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. <i>For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.</i>	<b>PERIOD ENDING</b> December, 2015	<b>BORROWER DESIGNATION</b> NM0524

<b>CERTIFICATION</b>  <i>We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.</i> <b>ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.</b>  <b>DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII</b> <i>(Check one of the following)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.	<input type="checkbox"/> There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report
_____ <b>DATE</b>	

PART A. BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
1. Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material-Regulated			<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Reacquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
13. Nonregulated Investments			<b>OTHER LIAB. &amp; DEF. CREDITS</b>		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
15. Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
<b>PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT</b>			<b>EQUITY</b>		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed		
19. Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
20. Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

Total Equity =            % of Total Assets



<b>USDA-RUS</b>  <b>OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</b>		<b>BORROWER DESIGNATION</b>  NM0524	
<b>INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2</b>		<b>PERIOD ENDING</b>  December, 2015	
<b>PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS</b>			
<b>ITEM</b>		<b>PRIOR YEAR</b>	<b>THIS YEAR</b>
1. Local Network Services Revenues			
2. Network Access Services Revenues			
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues			
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues			
5. Miscellaneous Revenues			
6. Uncollectible Revenues			
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)			
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense			
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)			
10. Depreciation Expense			
11. Amortization Expense			
12. Customer Operations Expense			
13. Corporate Operations Expense			
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)			
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)			
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses			
17. State and Local Taxes			
18. Federal Income Taxes			
19. Other Taxes			
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)			
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)			
22. Interest on Funded Debt			
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases			
24. Other Interest Expense			
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction			
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)			
27. Nonoperating Net Income			
28. Extraordinary Items			
29. Jurisdictional Differences			
30. Nonregulated Net Income			
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)			
32. Total Taxes Based on Income			
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year			
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date			
35. Dividends Declared (Common)			
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)			
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date			
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital			
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]			
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year			
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital			
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired			
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)			
44. Annual Debt Service Payments			
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]			
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]			
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]			
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]			

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<b>Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, &amp; HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION</b>							
	<b>1. RATES</b>		<b>2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)</b>			<b>3. ROUTE MILES</b>	
<b>EXCHANGE</b>	<b>B-1</b>	<b>R-1</b>	<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL (including fiber)</b>	<b>FIBER</b>
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)
Carrizozo							
Cloudcroft							
Tularosa							
MobileWireless							
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area							
Total							
No. Exchanges							

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<b>4. BROADBAND SERVICE</b>								
<b>Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service</b>								
<b>EXCHANGE</b>	<b>No. Access Lines with BB available (a)</b>	<b>No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)</b>	<b>Number Of Subscribers (c)</b>	<b>Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d)</b>	<b>Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)</b>	<b>Price Per Month (f)</b>	<b>Standalone/Pckg (f)</b>	<b>Type Of Technology (g)</b>
Carrizozo								
Cloudcroft								
Tularosa								
Total								

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<b>PART D. SYSTEM DATA</b>					
1. No. Plant Employees	2. No. Other Employees	3. Square Miles Served	4. Access Lines per Square Mile	5. Subscribers per Route Mile	
<b>PART E. TOLL DATA</b>					
1. Study Area ID Code(s)  a. 492265 b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____ i. _____ j. _____		2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one)  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>                     Interstate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule                       Intrastate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule                 </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis                 </div> </div>			
<b>PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR</b>					
1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended					
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended					
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval					
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended					
5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)					
6. Salvaged Materials					
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction					
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)					
<b>PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES</b>					
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>  (a)	<b>CURRENT YEAR DATA</b>		<b>CUMULATIVE DATA</b>		
	Investment This Year	Income/Loss This Year	Cumulative Investment To Date	Cumulative Income/Loss To Date	Current Balance
	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development					
2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development					

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<b>PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES</b>					
Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one) <span style="float: right;"> <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> YES           <input type="checkbox"/> NO         </span>					
<b>EQUIPMENT CATEGORY</b>	<b>DEPRECIATION RATE</b>				
1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles					
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft					
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles					
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment					
5. Land and support assets - Buildings					
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment					
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers					
8. Central Office Switching - Digital					
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical					
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems					
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems					
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment					
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus					
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring					
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges					
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment					
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment					
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles					
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal					
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber					
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal					
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber					
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal					
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber					
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems					
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other					

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<b>PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>		
<b>1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)</b>		
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>2. Net Income</b>		
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>		
<b>3. Add: Depreciation</b>		
<b>4. Add: Amortization</b>		
<b>5. Other (Explain)</b> <div style="background-color: black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>		
<i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>		
<b>6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable</b>		
<b>7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory</b>		
<b>8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges</b>		
<b>9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets</b>		
<b>10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable</b>		
<b>11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings &amp; Payments</b>		
<b>12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations</b>		
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable</b>		
<b>15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable</b>		
<b>16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits</b>		
<b>17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)</b>		
<b>18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities &amp; Deferred Credits</b>		
<b>19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates &amp; Other Capital</b>		
<b>20. Less: Payment of Dividends</b>		
<b>21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired</b>		
<b>22. Other (Explain)</b> <div style="background-color: black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>		
<b>23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities</b>		
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant &amp; Equipment)</b>		
<b>25. Other Long-Term Investments</b>		
<b>26. Other Noncurrent Assets &amp; Jurisdictional Differences</b>		
<b>27. Other (Explain)</b> <div style="background-color: black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>		
<b>28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities</b>		
<b>29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash</b>		
<b>30. Ending Cash</b>		

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<p><b>INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT</b></p> <p>To The Board of Directors Tularosa Basin Telephone Company Tularosa, NM 88352</p> <p>Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Tularosa Basin Telephone Company, (a New Mexico corporation), which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of income, retained earnings for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2015, included in the prescribed form. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these findings.</p> <p>Supplementary Information</p> <p>The supplementary information in Parts C through H of the accompanying prescribed form are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are required by the Rural Development Utilities Program. We have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information in Parts C through H and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the supplementary information in Parts C through H is in accordance with the form prescribed by the Rural Development Utilities Program.</p> <p>Other Matters</p> <p>These financial statements and the supplementary information are presented in accordance with the requirements of the Rural Development Utilities Program, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Rural Development Utilities Program, Federal Communications Commission, Universal Service Administrative Company and the relevant state and local regulatory agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.</p>	

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